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FM AMEMBASSY SAN SALVADOR

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2319

INFO AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA

AMEMBASSY MANAGUA

AMEMBASSY MEXICO

AMEMBASSY TEGUCIGALPA

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DEPT PASS TO CENTER FOR SHORT-LIVED PHENOMENON, SMITHSONIAN
INSTITUTION, CAMBRIDGE, MASS. AND NASA.

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: TPHY, TGEN

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE METEOR

1. AT APPROXIMATELY 8:50 PM 26 SEPT 1976 (0250 GMT, 27 SEPT),
SAN SALVADOR WAS LIT UP BY A BRIGHT LIGHT IN THE SKY LASTING
ABOUT 15 SECONDS, FOLLOWED IN ABOUT TWO MINUTES BY A SONIC
REPORT OF SIMILAR DURATION AND OF UNIFORM INTENSITY AND
FREQUENCY. THE LIGHT WAS MUCH BRIGHTER, MORE PERSISTENT AND
OF LONGER DURATION THAN LIGHTNING, SO PREVALENT THIS TIME
OF YEAR IN SAN SALVADOR. CONSIDERABLE CURIOSITY AND SOME
CONSTERNATION WAS CAUSED BY THE EVENT, INCLUDING REPORT
OF QTE FLYING SAUCER UNQTE LANDING ON NEARBY MR. BOQUERON (VOLCAN
DE SAN SALVADOR). SEARCH PARTIES FROM INSTITUTO GEOGRAFICO
NACIONAL AND ELSEWHERE EXPLORED SEVERAL SITES AND FOUND NO
TRACE OF ANY UNUSUAL EVENT.

2. LOCAL OFFICIALS FORM THE NATIONAL NETEOROLOGICAL SERVICE
SPECULATED THAT THE PHENOMENON WAS CAUSED BY A FALLING
ME OR WHICH MAY OR MAY NOT HAVE BURNED ITSELF OUT GOHORE
REACHING THE EARTH. AN AIRPORT CONTROL TOWER OFFICIAL
DESCRIBED THE METEOR AS COMING FROM OVER THE PACIFIC OCEAN,
GOING ACROSS THE GULF OF FONSECA OVER TEGUCIGALPA THENCE
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TOWARD THE ATLANTIC OCEAN. OFFICIALS HERE SPECULATE

THAT A NASA SATELLITE WOULD PROBABLY HAVE PICKED UP
THE PHENOMENON IF IN PROPER POSITION.

3. NEWSPAPER ACCOUNTS RELATE REPORTS OF SIGHTINGS OF THE
PHENOMENON IN HONDURAS, GUATEMALA, NICARAGUA, AND AS FAR
AWAY AS MEXICO, GIVING DIFFERENT POSSIBLE TRAJECTORIES
FOR WHATEVER OBJECT MAY HAVE PASSED OVER.

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NOTE BY OC/T: NOT PASSED SMITHSONIAN, CAMBRIDGE.

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